

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA  
NORTHEASTERN DIVISION

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| TARGET WILLIAMS, | ) |                               |
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| Petitioner,      | ) |                               |
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| v.               | ) | Case No. 5:20-cv-2074-CLM-GMB |
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| ALAN COHEN,      | ) |                               |
|                  | ) |                               |
| Respondent.      | ) |                               |

# MEMORANDUM OPINION


On January 19, 2021, the Magistrate Judge entered a report recommending that the court transfer Petitioner Tagget Williams’ petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241. Doc. 2. Specifically, the Magistrate Judge found that Williams filed this action while incarcerated at Montgomery FPC, a facility located in Montgomery County, Alabama, so the United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama has exclusive jurisdiction over the petition. Doc. 2 at 1–2. Williams objects to the transfer because “he reside[s] in the Northern District and ha[s] resided in the Northern District since October 27, 2020.” Doc. 4.

Williams’ objection is beside the point. “Section 2241 petitions may be brought only in the district court for the district in which the inmate is incarcerated.” *Fernandez v. United States*, 941 F.2d 1488, 1495 (11th Cir. 1991). Because

Williams was incarcerated<sup>1</sup> at a facility located in another federal district when he filed this action, this court does not have jurisdiction over his § 2241 petition.

Having carefully reviewed and considered *de novo* all the materials in the court file, including the report and recommendation, and the objections thereto, the court hereby **ADOPTS** the report of the Magistrate Judge and **ACCEPTS** his recommendation. The Clerk is **DIRECTED to TRANSFER** this action to the United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241(a).

**DONE** on July 2, 2021.

  
**COREY L. MAZE**  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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<sup>1</sup> Williams recently provided the Clerk of Court with an address that appears to indicate he is no longer incarcerated. His petition therefore may be subject to dismissal under 28 U.S.C. § 2241(c) upon his transfer to the appropriate district.